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8
9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

10 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

11 ANTHONY GARCIA,

12 Plaintiff,

Case No: 2:18-cv-01029-GMN-PAL

13 vs.

14 STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE
15 INSURANCE COMPANY, a foreign corporation;
DOES I through X, inclusive, and ROE
16 CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

17 Defendants.

18 **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

19 The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Stipulated
20 Protective Order and state as follows:

21 A. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company ("State Farm") possesses
22 certain information and documents that contain confidential, proprietary, or trade secret
23 information that may be subject to discovery in this action, but that should not be made publicly
24 available.

25 B. The parties request that the Court enter the following Protective Order to properly
26 balance the discovery rights of the Plaintiff with State Farm's rights to protect its private,
27 confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information.
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1 The Court ORDERS:

2 1. All production and disclosure of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL,
3 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, by State Farm during this litigation
4 shall be governed by this Order, including but not limited to, information contained in or derived
5 from documents, deposition testimony, deposition exhibits, trial testimony, computer memory or
6 archives, other written, recorded or graphic matter, and all copies, excerpts, or summaries
7 thereof (collectively "information").

8 2. Information subject to this Protective Order shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL,
9 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER by State Farm by stamping
10 "CONFIDENTIAL", "TRADE SECRET", or otherwise indicating confidentiality, trade secret or
11 produced subject to this Protective Order, as appropriate, on the face of a single-page
12 document, on at least the initial page of a multi-page document, and in a prominent location on
13 the exterior of any tangible object. Any electronically stored information may be designated as
14 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, through a
15 correspondence providing the media and hard copy or printout shall be treated as protected
16 material of the same designation. Designation may only be made after a good faith review by
17 counsel of record and counsel making a designation shall comply with the standards set forth in
18 Fed.R.Civ.Pro. 26(g) when designation information as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or
19 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER,

20 3. With respect to deposition testimony, State Farm may, either on the record at the
21 deposition or by written notice to counsel for Plaintiff no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of
22 the transcript of said deposition, designate portions of testimony as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE
23 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. All testimony, regardless of whether
24 designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, on
25 the record, shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
26 PROTECTIVE ORDER until thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript of said deposition by all
27 parties. Certain depositions may, in their entirety, be designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE
28 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER prior to being taken because of the

1 anticipated testimony. Furthermore, any document designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE
2 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall maintain that designation and the
3 protections afforded thereto if introduced or discussed during a deposition.

4 4. The inadvertent or unintentional disclosure by State Farm of information
5 considered to be CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER
6 shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of State Farm's claim of protection pursuant to
7 this Protective Order, either as to the specific information disclosure or as to any other
8 information related thereto. Any such inadvertently or unintentionally disclosed information shall
9 be designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER
10 as soon as reasonably practicable after State Farm becomes aware of the erroneous disclosure
11 and shall thereafter be treated as such by all receiving persons absent re-designation pursuant
12 to Court order. Upon receipt of the properly designated documents, the recipient must return or
13 destroy the non-designated set within three (3) days. If the recipient destroys the documents,
14 the recipient must provide written certification of the destruction to the producer of the
15 information within three (3) days of receipt of the properly designated documents. In addition,
16 the production or disclosure by State Farm of an attorney-client privileged, attorney work
17 product, or other protected document or information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, shall not
18 be deemed a waiver of the privilege, work product, or other protection or immunity from
19 discovery by State Farm in this or any subsequent state or federal proceeding pursuant to NRS
20 49.385 regardless of the circumstances of disclosure. If any party becomes aware of the
21 production or disclosure of such protected information by State Farm, that party shall provide
22 written notice of such production or disclosure within three (3) days after it becomes aware that
23 protected information has been disclosed or produced.

24 5. When information which is CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
25 PROTECTIVE ORDER is presented, quoted or referenced in any deposition, hearing, trial or
26 other proceeding, counsel for the offering party shall make arrangements or, when appropriate,
27 request the Court to make arrangements, to ensure that only persons entitled to such information
28 pursuant to Paragraph 8 are present during such presentation, quotation or reference.

1 6. Subject to the requirements of Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, no person
2 receiving information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
3 PROTECTIVE ORDER shall disclose it or its contents to any person other than those described
4 in Paragraph 8 below; no such disclosure shall be made for any purposes other than those
5 specified in that paragraph; and in no event shall such person make any other use of such
6 information. Counsel shall be responsible for obtaining prior written agreement to be bound to
7 the terms of this Agreement from all persons to whom any information so designated is disclosed
8 and, for good cause shown, such list shall be available for inspection by counsel for State Farm
9 upon order of the Court; provided, however, that the requirements of this sentence shall not
10 apply to disclosures made pursuant to Paragraphs 8(h) and/or 10 of this Protective Order.

11 Except as agreed by State Farm or as otherwise provided herein, including in Paragraphs
12 7(h) and 9 of this Protective Order, information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE
13 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall (1) only be used in the preparation for
14 trial and/or any appeal of this Action and (2) be maintained in confidence by the party(ies) to
15 whom it is produced and not disclosed by such party(ies) except to persons entitled to access
16 thereto pursuant to Paragraph 8 below. Except as provided in Paragraphs 7(h), (g), (k), and 9 of
17 this Protective Order, information which is CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
18 PROTECTIVE ORDER may not be used by any person receiving such material for any business
19 or competitive purpose or for use in matters other than this lawsuit, including other matters
20 involving State Farm.

21 7. Information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
22 PROTECTIVE ORDER by State Farm shall be disclosed only to the following persons:

- 23 (a) attorneys actively working on or supervising the work in this case;
24 (b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively
25 working on this case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, at
26 trial, or at other proceedings in this case;
27 (c) the parties, including designated representatives and counsel for the entity
28 defendant;

1 (d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this
2 proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings
3 in this case and the expert or consultant has signed a written acknowledgement attached as
4 Exhibit A;

5 (e) the Court and its employees ("Court Personnel");

6 (f) stenographic and video reporters who are engaged in proceedings
7 necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;

8 (g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses, who have first-hand
9 knowledge of the document and have signed a written acknowledgement attached as Exhibit A;

10 (h) the Nevada Division of Insurance, law enforcement officers, and/or other
11 government agencies, as permitted or required by applicable state and federal law, including, but
12 not limited to, NRS 686A.285.

13 (i) a jury involved in litigation concerning the claims and any defenses to any
14 claims in this lawsuit;

15 (j) anyone as otherwise required by law;

16 (k) as authorized by the parties specifically; and

17 (l) other persons by written agreement of the parties when the person has
18 signed a written acknowledgement attached as Exhibit A.

19 8. Subject to paragraph 9 of this Protective Order, the recipient of any information
20 designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER
21 pursuant to this Agreement shall maintain information in a secure and safe area and shall
22 exercise due and proper care with respect to the storage, custody and use of all such
23 information.

24 9. Nothing in this Protective Order disallows State Farm's maintenance of
25 information and documents in or pursuant to: its electronic claim system; the privacy
26 requirements of the Nevada Division of Insurance and other applicable state and federal laws;
27 the records retention requirements of the Nevada Division of Insurance, the Nevada Rules of
28 Professional Conduct, or other applicable state and federal laws; the records retention practices

1 of State Farm; and any written Court Order. Further, nothing in this Protective Order disallows
2 reporting of information by State Farm as permitted and/or required by applicable state and
3 federal law, including NRS 686A.285, including reporting to the Insurance Services Office, Inc.

4 10. Plaintiff may at any time request from State Farm, in writing, the release of
5 information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
6 ORDER from the requirements of the terms and provisions of this Protective Order. Upon
7 receipt of such request, counsel for State Farm and counsel for Plaintiff shall attempt to meet
8 and confer. If the parties are unable to agree as to whether the information at issue is properly
9 designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, any
10 party may raise the issue of such designation with the Court pursuant to the Court's Practice
11 Standards. ~~Any information submitted to the Court for review shall be submitted under seal and~~
12 ~~for in camera review.~~ Pending a ruling from the Court, State Farm's designation shall control.

13 11. Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any party from responding to a
14 validly issued subpoena, provided, however that the party responding to the subpoena shall
15 provide written notice of such subpoena to the attorney of the party that originally produced the
16 documents within three (3) days of receipt of a subpoena, which seeks production or disclosure
17 of the information which is designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO
18 PROTECTIVE ORDER may not occur until the deadline set forth in a validly issued subpoena,
19 absent agreement of the parties.

20 12. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent or restrict counsel for State Farm
21 from inspecting, reviewing, using or disclosing the information designated as CONFIDENTIAL,
22 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. No disclosure pursuant to this
23 paragraph shall waive any rights or privileges of any party granted by this Protective Order.

24 13. Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed as a limitation of the use of
25 evidence in a submission to the Court or at trial, subject to such confidentiality provisions as may
26 be ordered by the Court. However, prior to utilizing or filing a document which is designated
27 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, the party
28 intending to utilize the document must provide notice to the party that originally produced the

1 document. The party that originally produced the document may request that the document be
2 filed with restricted access under seal. Furthermore, any party shall have the right to request
3 that any hearing or portions thereof be conducted in camera. The Court shall retain jurisdiction
4 to modify the terms of this Protective Order.

5 14. The obligations of this Protective Order shall survive the termination of this action
6 and continue to bind the parties and their counsel. The Court will have continuing jurisdiction to
7 enforce this Protective Order irrespective of the manner in which this action is terminated.

8 15. Within thirty (30) days of the final determination of this action, each person or
9 party who has received information designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT
10 TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall be obligated to return the same, including any copies, or to
11 destroy such information and certify that it has been destroyed, except that the recipient need
12 not destroy or return transcripts of depositions and materials filed with the Court, and party may
13 retain one archival copy of all pleadings in the action, regardless of whether such pleadings
14 (including appendices) contain or refer to information designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE
15 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER; provided, however, that the requirements of
16 this Paragraph are subject to the requirements of Paragraphs 7(h) and 9 of this Protective Order
17 and to the routine business practices of State Farm, and also subject to the regular business
18 practices for maintenance and destruction of client files by the parties' counsel. Within seven (7)
19 days of the final determination of this action, counsel of record who has provided information
20 designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER to
21 other individuals must inform those individuals that the matter has reached final determination
22 and remind them of the return or destruction obligation. To the extent that this Protective Order
23 requires the destruction or return of documents at the conclusion of this case this requirement is
24 not intended to require State Farm to return or destroy any documents that it is otherwise
25 required by law to maintain. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court any time for
26 good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

27 Within 30 days of the final termination of this case, Plaintiff shall return all documents and
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information subject to this Order, including any copies or extracts or summaries thereof, or documents containing information taken therefrom, shall be returned to counsel for State Farm. In the alternative, within 30 days of the final termination of this case, Plaintiff may shred or dispose of all such documents, including copies or extracts or summaries thereof, may be shredded or disposed of in a manner to ensure the destruction thereof, and provide a declaration certifying such destruction or disposal provided to counsel for State Farm.

17. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prohibit any party from filing a motion seeking further or different protection from the Court, or from filing a motion with respect to the manner in which the information designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall be treated at trial.

18. A party desiring to file a document identified as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER with the Court must first file a motion to restrict and file the document as a restricted document.


DATED this 6 day of November, 2018.

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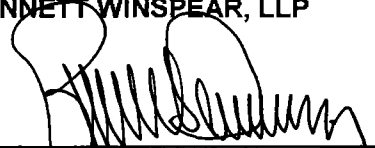
Good cause appearing therefore, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 7th day of November, 2018.


U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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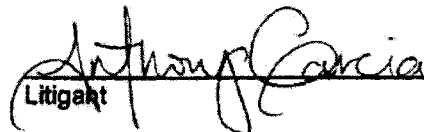
EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO
ABIDE BY STIPULATION AND ORDER
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES that he or she has read the Stipulation and Order Regarding Confidentiality Agreement filed in this action on _____, 2018. The Undersigned hereby acknowledges that a Stipulation and Order Regarding Confidentiality Agreement in the case of *ANTHONY GARCIA v State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, et al.*, was filed in the United States District Court Southern District for the District of Nevada and entitled "STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT."

The Undersigned agrees to be bound by the terms of the above-mentioned Stipulation and Order Regarding Confidentiality Agreement in the same manner as the parties to the Stipulation and Order and their respective attorneys. The Undersigned agrees to provide Ryan L. Dennett, Esq., attorney for Defendant STATE FARM INSURANCE, with written notice of any document sharing as well as a list of any recipients of shared documents. The Undersigned also agrees, as provided in the Stipulation and Order Regarding Confidentiality Agreement, to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court Southern District for the District of Nevada for any proceedings related to any violation or threatened violation of this Order.

Dated: 11/1/18


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